

Introduced by Senator Ashburn

February 20, 2008

An act to amend Section 22353 of the Vehicle Code, relating to speed limits.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 1350, as introduced, Ashburn. Speed limits: Bear Valley Community Services District: equestrian safety.

Existing law prohibits a person from driving a vehicle at a speed greater than the speed limit. Existing law sets forth prima facie speed limits unless changed or otherwise authorized by law and permits local authorities to set prima facie speed limits higher or lower than the established prima facie speed limits on the basis of an engineering and traffic survey, as defined, if the different speed limit is necessary to facilitate the orderly movement of traffic and is reasonable and safe. Existing law requires an engineering and traffic survey to include consideration of prevailing speeds as determined by traffic engineering measurements, accident records, and highway, traffic, and roadside conditions not readily apparent to drivers and authorizes local authorities to consider other specified factors, including pedestrian and bicyclist safety.

Existing law authorizes the City of Norco to consider equestrian safety, in addition to those factors, when conducting an engineering and traffic survey.

This bill would authorize the Bear Valley Community Services District to consider equestrian safety in addition to the other factors.

The bill would make legislative findings and declarations as to the necessity of a special statute.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 22353 of the Vehicle Code is amended
2 to read:
3 22353. When conducting an engineering and traffic survey,
4 the City of Norco *and the Bear Valley Community Services District*,
5 in addition to the factors set forth in Section 627, may also consider
6 equestrian safety.
7 SEC. 2. The Legislature finds and declares that, because of
8 unique circumstances applicable to the Bear Valley Community
9 Services District and the equestrian trails there, a statute of general
10 applicability cannot be enacted within the meaning of subdivision
11 (b) of Section 16 of Article IV of the California Constitution.
12 Therefore, this special statute is necessary.